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					x 180=	\$		x 360=	\$
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2006, please amend the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.